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FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP OCON GH

SUBJ: PAO CONFERENCE OPENING

1. CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS OPENED  
JANUARY 20 WITH GOG INFORMATION COMMISSIONER KOTEI GIVING  
OFFICIAL WELCOME TO GROUP. FOLLOWING MY INTRODUCTION KOTEI  
MADE SEVERAL POINTS:

A. HE TWICE SAID PAOS WERE WELCOMED BY SUPREME MILITARY  
COUNCIL.

B. HE REGRETTED U.S. FAILURE TO SIGN COCOA AGREEMENT  
AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SIGNING TO U.S.-GOG GOOD RELATIONS.  
HE UNDERSTANDS U.S. REVIEWING AGREEMENT AND HOPES AND URGES  
SIGNATURE.

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C. ASKED USIS OFFICERS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TO PORTRAY

IN THEIR STORIES POSITIVE ASPECTS OF AFRICA AND TO ASSIST IN THIS WAY IN MAKING SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA A BETTER PLACE WITH BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE.

D. HE NOTED U.S. HAS GIVEN MUCH AID TO GHANA BUT IS SURPRISED U.S. BEING WEALTHY HAS NOT GIVEN MORE. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE U.S. INVESTMENT IN GHANA.

2. IN POLITICAL VEIN HE INDICATED DESIRE THAT U.S. WOULD "STOP TREATING ANGOLA AS A FIELD FOR CONFRONTATION WITH ANOTHER SUPER POWER". HE ASKED U.S. TO SUPPORT MPLA AS THE ONLY "LEGITIMATE" GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. WHILE SPEAKING IN THIS VEIN HE ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR U.S. TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO EFFECT TERMINATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S "ILLEGITIMATE CONTROL OF NAMIBIA".

3. COMMENT: MEETING WAS WELL COVERED BY GHANA NEWS AGENCY PHOTOGRAPHERS, NEWSMEN AND TV CAMERA. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COVERAGE MAY PROVOKE STUDENT REACTION/DEMONSTRATION, KOTEI'S ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, HIS HOSTING OF RECEPTION AT PEDUASE LODGE, AND HIS REFERENCES TO SMC WELCOME INDICATE GOG WILL PROBABLY KEEP TIGHT REIN ON SUCH ACTIVITIES. WHILE KOTEI'S REFERENCES TO COCOA AGREEMENT AND AID ARE USUAL LITANY AND HIS COMMENT ON U.S. BUSINESS SHOWS IGNORANCE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE, HIS REFERENCES TO ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA PROBABLY ARE A GOOD REFLECTION OF GOG THINKING.  
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